

Construction update



Kensington works update

June – July 2025

Tie-station and completion works activities are continuing in Kensington as part of the Metro Tunnel Project. This update provides an outline of current and upcoming works in your area throughout June and July 2025.

Works snapshot: June and July

Construction works within the Kensington precinct during June and July 2025 will include:

- Tie-station construction, including 24-hour rail corridor works
- Early works for rail access point
- Trial operations

Further information on these works can be found overleaf or at metrotunnel.vic.gov.au



When are we working?



Normal construction hours

7am to 6pm, Monday to Friday
7am to 1pm, Saturdays



Out of hours

Some works are required to take place out of normal construction hours



24 hours

24 hour works are sometimes required during peak construction activities
We will notify if out of hours works are required



Childers Street flood wall

Upcoming works in your area

Tie-station construction

Hobsons Road site, Kensington

Ongoing until September 2025



- During June, excavation will take place around the tie-station, including at 156-158 Kensington Road, West Melbourne, for various works including the installation of conduits for underground services. This will involve the use of a non-destructive digging (NDD) truck and an excavator
- From early June, steel will be delivered to site with intermittent periods of stop and holds taking place on Hobsons Road. Traffic management will be on site to assist pedestrians, vehicles and cyclists
- The steel will form a platform for the tie-station building and will be lifted on top of the piles using a crane and then secured into place. This will take about 4 weeks and is expected to generate low to medium noise levels
- In July, the prefabricated tie-station building will be delivered and installed. More information will be supplied closer to the date.

- We will also be excavating in the rail corridor, installing rail signalling assets, including pipes for cables, and track tamping
- These activities require an excavator, hand tools and concrete truck
- Works are expected to generate medium levels of noise with intermittent periods of high noise levels.

Rail access point early works

Childers Street, Kensington

- As previously notified in the February/March 2023 construction update, works to provide a vehicle access point into the rail corridor on Childers Street will now commence following approval of the Western Portal Development Plan Amendment
- The planned rail access point will now be located 10 metres closer to South Kensington Station, along the southern side of Childers Street
- Excavation using a high rail excavator and NDD truck will be undertaken as part of early works to relocate VicTrack infrastructure underground
- These works are expected to generate high levels of noise
- Shuttle flow will be in place with traffic management onsite to assist vehicles, cyclists and pedestrians.

24-hour rail corridor works

10pm Friday 4 July to
3am Monday 7 July 2025



Tie-station works

Hobsons Road site, Kensington

- These works will include the installation of foundations for overhead wires and will involve NDD before bored piling takes place
- Bored piling involves drilling holes, placing reinforced steel cages in the holes and then pouring concrete into the holes

Tree removal

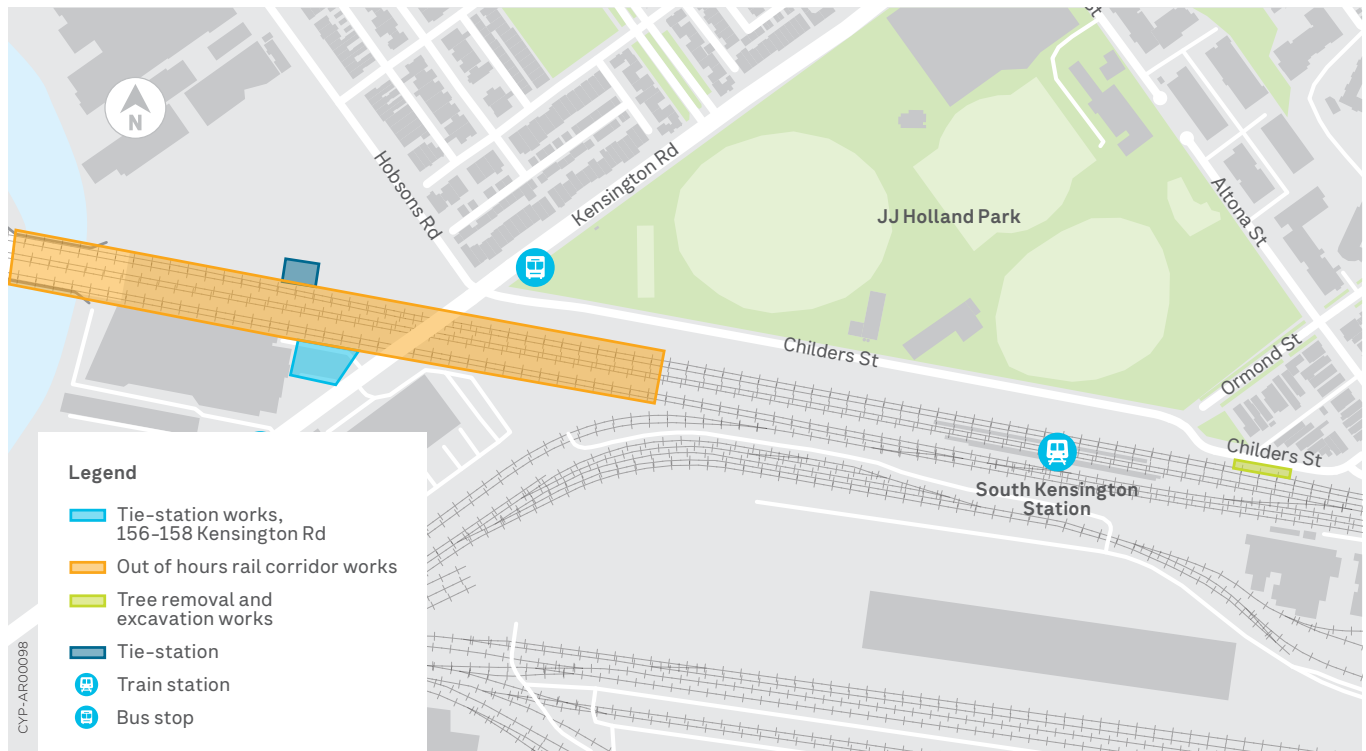
Childers Street, Kensington

July 2025



- Seven trees have been identified for removal to facilitate the new rail access point. Due to the proximity of one of the trees to the rail line, for safety reasons, these activities can only be performed when trains are not running

Works area map Kensington



- These activities require hand tools, chainsaw, an NDD truck, wood grinder and a woodchipper
- A shuttle flow will be in place on Childers Street with traffic management onsite to assist vehicles, cyclists and pedestrians
- Generator-powered lighting towers will be required while we complete night works. Where possible, lights will be positioned to face away from residential properties
- These works will generate medium to high levels of noise
- Every effort has been made to minimise tree removal and the project will plant more trees in the area at a future date.

24-hour rail corridor works

Sunbury Line

10pm Friday 25 July to
3am Monday 28 July 2025



Tie-station works

Hobsons Road site, Kensington

- These works will include the installation of overhead wire structures installed between South Kensington Station and the tie-station
- A signal platform will be installed onto foundations next to the rail corridor
- Equipment and cables will be installed involving track drilling
- These activities require a crane, elevating work platform (EWP) and hand tools
- This work is expected to generate medium to high levels of noise.

Rail maintenance works

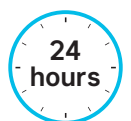
Sunbury Line rail corridor

- Rail maintenance activities will be undertaken, including removing and replacing rail sleepers and removing redundant switches, using NDD machines, excavators, EWPs, hand tools and a tamping machine
- Medium levels of noise with intermittent periods of high-level noise can be expected.

Trial operations

Sunbury Line

Saturday 7 and Sunday 8 June 2025
Saturday 21 June 2025
Monday 7 July to Sunday 13 July 2025



- Trial operations is a critical stage of the project. It involves Metro Trains station staff, drivers and signallers working inside the new tunnels and stations to rehearse the operation of the Metro Tunnel and ensure that everything runs smoothly when the Metro Tunnel opens in 2025. To find out more about trial operations, please visit bigbuild.vic.gov.au/projects/metro-tunnel/construction/testing
- This activity will involve trains running through the Sunbury, Cranbourne and Pakenham lines, as well as the Metro Tunnel
- This activity has been generating intermittent levels of high noise in Kensington. We thank the community for their patience as the project continues to investigate this matter and implement solutions to further address the issue.

Look ahead for 2025

	June	July	August
Tie-station works			
24-hour rail corridor works			
Trial operations			

Traffic and transport impacts

Ongoing

- There will be an increase in construction vehicles on Childers Street as they access the rail line via the construction gate in the wall opening near the west end of Childers Street, close to Kensington Road. Traffic management will be in place during the 24-hour rail corridor works to facilitate delivery of materials and equipment
- An increase in construction vehicle movements around the Hobsons Road site via two entrances on Hobsons Road and Kensington Road, West Melbourne. Traffic management will be used as required around the Hobsons Road site and 156–158 Kensington Road, West Melbourne throughout the 24-hour rail corridor access works
- An increase in larger vehicles delivering equipment to the Hobsons Road site

Bus replacements

- Buses will replace trains on the Sunbury Line at various times during June and July for rail corridor works and trial operations. Please allow for extra travel time
- Visit ptv.vic.gov.au or call **1800 800 007** for more information and plan your journey. Please allow for extra travel time.

24-hour rail corridor works

- For the safety of passengers and our workers, these activities can only occur when trains are not running
- During the 24-hour rail corridor works, generator-powered lighting towers may be required near your area while works are being completed. Where possible, lights will be positioned to face away from residential properties.

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